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An aerospace engineer who lost his CIA security clearance when it was learned three years ago he was homosexual has reached an out-of-court settlement in a \$1 million lawsuit against the agency, it was reported Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Mariana R. Pfaezler ordered that terms of the agreement, reached Friday between John Green and CIA officials, be kept secret.

"I'm happy with the settlement," Green, 51, told The Los Angeles Times from his office at TRW Inc. in Redondo Beach. "I've been working on this for three years since I was first suspended access."

Green had worked for TRW for 10 years when, in 1981, he lost his high-level security clearance for government projects and was forced to accept a lower level job.

Last year he filed a \$1 million suit against the CIA for invasion of privacy and loss of his right to due process and representation by legal council.

Green refused to reveal if his clearance for top-secret projects has been restored, although he said a security clearance he first earned in 1967 was reinstated three months ago for work on the MILSTAR communications satellite.

A CIA spokesman declined to say whether the settlement will lead to a new policy on security clearances for homosexuals.

The CIA has said that homosexuals can be subjected to blackmail by foreign agents, but Green has contended he never attempted to hide his homosexuality and was therefore never subject to coercion.